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'Horrible Idea': First Vaccine for Birth Control Now in Clinical Trials

Tucker Carlson interviewed Dr. Robert Malone about the vaccine, which he says uses the immune system to prevent pregnancy by blocking fertilization.

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Vaccine science is complex and the ability to actually do clinical trials, according to a 2011 article published this week in The Atlantic.

Reporter Derek Lowe, Ph.D., described the vaccine, as envisioned by its developer Professor Gunaratne Pran Talwar, stating that it would be:

> "An injection that would immunize the small intestine against antibody hCG, which is a hormone that's only produced by the placenta during pregnancy. The hCG is also necessary for the fertilized egg to implant."

But Brian Hooker, Ph.D., Chief Science Officer for Children's Health Defense, said such a vaccine doesn't just have problems, "it is an absolutely horrible idea."

Hooker told The Defender:

> "So much can go wrong by immunizing a woman with hCG destined to the hormone she produces, or even with sperm proteins to attack them and sperm at the production site.
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> "We have no idea what the long-term consequences of programming the immune system to attack the part of our body that nurtures and feeds a pregnancy may be, but we do know that the history of medicine is full of unintended consequences."

The Atlantic article didn't focus on possible health risks. Instead, it touted "blood of the gods" as a "medical miracle," where only 1 of 10 women in the study became pregnant.

The limitations, Ms. said, are in the fact that although they didn't get pregnant, about 20% of the women did not produce the threshold amount of antibodies for the trial to be successful. This would be considered sufficiently effective for a vaccine to be approved, Ms. said, for "non-life-threatening conditions."

Hooker maintains the vaccine is not a threat that's even worthy of discussion.

But, she wrote, "there is some reason to think these issues aren't insurmountable," because immunocontraception has been studied in the past.

"In temporary contraception, packaged into a super-safe vaccine, could offer convenience and privacy, with potential appeal to men and women," the Atlantic article said.

Immunocontraception has primarily been used on captive animals, but it also has been tested on free-ranging populations of white-tailed deer, feral horses, elk, deer, wild horses, feral cats and elephants, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

Dr. Julie Levy, a feline infectious disease expert at the University of Florida who has worked on immunocontraceptives in animals described the challenge of developing a contraceptive vaccine as "trying to immunize an animal against a normal body part."

She also mentioned that the hCG vaccine has "encountered some issues with tolerability," in that some women developed "ovarian cysts and irregular periods," which she said indicates the adjuvants in the vaccine are "ramping up the immune system a well-too much."

That means scientists will have to "tinker with dosing or ingredients," before the vaccine is ready, she wrote.

But, she argued this vaccine is important because it could fill clear gaps in the contraceptive market.

"Nearly half of the world's pregnancies are unplanned," and access to existing contraceptives is limited by "cost, availability, and side effects and logistical inconveniences," she said.

Drawing on an interview with Aleksandra Chaudhary, director of Programs and Partnerships at Indian Foundation for Reproductive Health, Levy wrote:

> "In temporary contraception, packaged into a super-safe vaccine, could offer convenience and privacy, with potential appeal to men and women. Chaudhary said she also had concerns about injectable contraceptives and vaccines.
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> "Most important, willing access to the repertoire gives people (mainly) choice."

Pregnancy is not a disease

The real challenge to launching a birth control vaccine, Ms. wrote, is that some might stigmatize it because of the history of contraception treating a fertile body as particularly the poor, mentally ill and people of color, without their consent or by deception.

Sangkyomkrong Singh, Ph.D., the Policy and Programmes lead at the Population Foundation of India, told Ms.that "pregnancy is not a disease."

Ms.conceded that vaccination against pregnancy might "unintentionally" imply that pregnancy is a problem to be eradicated and that women are to blame for it.

She suggested that a birth control vaccine could be "framed as a tool for empowerment, choice and reproductive freedom."

This might be a problem, Ms.pointed out, in today's climate where many people don't trust the government or pharmaceutical companies.

But recent Pfizer data obtained through freedom of information Act requests showed a link between the COVID-19 vaccine and miscarriage and stillbirth.

Pfizer's animal studies for the vaccine showed major red flags regarding both pregnancy loss and fetal abnormalities.

The documents also revealed that the drugmaker elected not to follow up the vast majority of pregnancies in the original human trials, despite that miscarriage rates in the trial may be the highest.

Singleton said the question of vaccine safety was already difficult to discuss, and confirming that with a discussion of contraception could raise even more questions.

She said:

> "No two become evident over the past few years, mainstream society allows no dialogue or critique on the subject of vaccine safety. Already it is difficult for women's health activists to broach the topic of the safety and long-term effects of hormonal contraception.
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> "Combining the medical-carried costs of birth control and contraception with the potential for a surge in medical interventions does not augment the discussion."

Ms.'s article alternates the fact that Talwar's vaccine has made little progress since the 1990s. It is "back in the lab," Ms. said, and "there is no timeline on when it will be ready for its new "vaccine recipe." But she reported the research is moving forward and they also be directed toward it to demonstrate that it's safe and effective.

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